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REMARKS

1. This is in response to the Office Action mailed 1/23/03. Claims 1-12 and 19 remain pending in this application. Claims 1-8 have been allowed.
2. Applicant requests reconsideration of the rejections under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. Applicant has amended claims 9-12 and 19 to clarify whether the "paper" in these claims refers to the "base paper" or "transfer paper", as suggested by the Examiner.

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The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney to discuss any matter that would expedite allowance of the present application.

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MARKED-UP VERSION OF CLAIM AMENDMENTS

9. A transfer paper according to claim 1, wherein a non-transferable dye is added to the release or barrier layer or to the base paper.

10. A transfer paper according to claim 1, wherein during the printing of the transfer paper by means of an inkjet printer with an aqueous ink that contains a dispersion of sublimable dyes, substantially no flowing of the ink occurs.

11. A transfer paper according to claim 1, wherein the transfer paper is of photo quality.

12. A transfer paper according to claim 11, wherein the transfer paper has a single or multiple coated base.

19. A transfer paper according to claim 2, wherein:
the porosity is from 0 to 25 ml/min;
the release or barrier layer is based on polyvinyl alcohol, carboxymethylcellulose, alginate, gelatin or mixtures thereof;
the release or barrier layer contains up to 15% of filler selected from the group of kaolin or talcum;
a non-transferable dye is added to the release or barrier layer or to the base paper; and
the transfer paper has a single or multiple coated base and is of photo quality.